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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24: REMARKS BY CUBAN PERMREP

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1. CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON MADE LOW KEY DELIVERY OF HALF-HOUR STATEMENT ON PUERTO RICO BEFORE COMMITTEE OF 24 ON NOV 1. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE HAD EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO STATE CUBAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AND REITERATED CUBA'S "TOTAL, UNCHANGING COMMITTMENT" TO IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "THE MOST AGGRESSIVE MANIFESTATION OF CONTEMPORARY COLONIALISM" PARALLELED IN BRUTAILITY ONLY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. ALARCON CHARACTERIZED THE U.S. AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CENTERS OF RACISM AND IMPERIALISM IN THE WORLD. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUED TO EXIST IN THE UN "DUE SOLEY TO THE VETO BY THE US AND SOME OF ITS ALLIES;" AND THAT THIS WAS NOT SURPRISING BECAUSE PUERTO RICAN "COLONIAL RACIST EXPERIENCE" FINDS ITS PARALLEL IN THE POLICIES OF THE RACIST REGIME OF PRETORIA.

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3. ALARCON ENDORSED THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND DISCUSSIONS AND

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THE REMARKS BY MARI BRAS AND BERRIOS. IN PARTICULAR THEIR PROPOSALS TO THE COMMITTEE (REFTEL). HE ECHOED THEIR CHARGES OF GENOCIDE, IMPERIALISM, "YANKEE COLONIALISM", SUPPRESSION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND OTHER "CRIMES."

4. FOLLOWING ALARCON'S STATEMENT, CHAIRMAN SALIM PROPOSED THAT CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO BE RESUMED IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 IN 1975. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE MATTER WAS SO DECIDED.
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